

REMARKS

Claims 1-55 presently appear in this case. The amendment to the claims is being made to eliminate all multiple dependencies, so as to reduce the filing fee, and to place the case in better condition for examination. Please enter this amendment prior to calculation of the filing fee.

Attached hereto is a 3½" disk containing, in computer readable form in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.821(e), the "Sequence Listing" as filed in the present application on December 13 2004, in paper form.

I hereby state, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.821(f), that the content of the attached computer readable copy of the sequence listing and the paper copy as originally filed are believed to be the same.

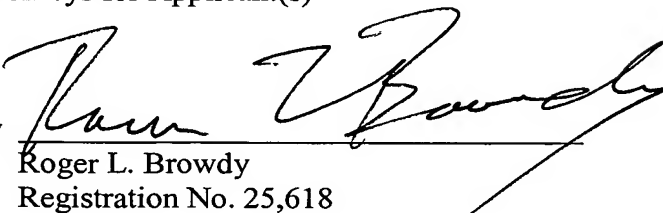
I hereby also state, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.821(g), that the submission is not believed to include new matter.

If the examiner has any questions or comments concerning the sequence listing in the above described application, the examiner is urged to contact the undersigned at the phone number below.

Prompt examination and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Appendix A